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*****TRAFFIC ADVISORY UPDATE #2*****

CALTRANS PLANS TO INSTALL TEMPORARY MEDIAN BARRIER ON HIGHWAY 17

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY – After further consideration and consultation with our agency partners, Caltrans District 5 officials have decided to install a temporary concrete median barrier along a section of Highway 17 at Laurel Curve north of Scotts Valley.

Maintenance crews have installed the median barrier today and will return tomorrow, Friday, March 23 for striping work. Only the southbound #1 (fast) lane will be closed between 8 am and 2 pm, the northbound direction at this location will remain open during the roadwork Friday.

In addition, Caltrans is moving forward with plans to install experimental high-friction pavement treatment and a southbound curve warning sign along Highway 17 at Laurel Curve.

As always, we ask for the cooperation of motorists to drive carefully along the Highway 17 corridor, especially during the remaining weeks of the wet weather season.

Caltrans reminds motorists to move over and slow down when driving through highway construction zones.

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